



Press Release

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Exceptional humanitarian aid to COAF's beneficiaries of the Lori region

With the support of the European Union, The Children of Armenia Charitable Fund (COAF) provides exceptional humanitarian aid to 1000 families in the Lori region.

European Union supports families in need affected by the coronavirus pandemic crisis. The financial support provided to Lori province is equal to euro 60,000. This EU program will also be implemented in the regions of Shirak and Tavush in close collaboration with the local and regional officials.

“Every crisis with economic impact, such as the current one, negatively affects already vulnerable groups of population. It is therefore our moral duty to help those in need and provide guidance on limiting the spread of the virus. The European Union is here to give a helping hand to Armenian regions in these challenging times and overcome this difficult situation together,” mentions Andrea Wiktorin, Ambassador, Head of the European Union Delegation to Armenia.

The socially vulnerable families from 26 rural and 2 urban (Vanadzor and Alaverdi) COAF-beneficiary communities will receive aid two times: in late April and May. The pack provided to each family includes primary food, hygiene items, and stationery.

The selection of socially vulnerable families is based on COAF's social workers' years-long heartfelt work, in-depth research, needs assessment, and results of regular monitoring.

“COAF is a trusted partner for the EU that was able to fulfill the program in a nimble way, which is highly important in this situation, and productively, that is to say, targeted, as our specialists have been working directly with villagers in rural communities for many years,” explains Korioun Khatchadourian, the Managing Director at COAF.

Support will also be provided to 26 COAF-supported rural medical institutions. Each pack will include medical gear of primary need.

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About the European Union

The Member States of the European Union have decided to link together their know-how, resources and destinies. Together, they have built a zone of stability, democracy and sustainable development whilst maintaining cultural diversity, tolerance and individual freedoms. The European Union is committed to sharing its achievements and its values with countries and peoples beyond its borders.

About COAF

The “Children of Armenia” Charitable Fund (COAF) is a non-profit, non-governmental organization that employs community-led approaches aimed at improving the quality of life in rural Armenia, with a particular focus on children and youth. COAF’s target development areas are education, healthcare, social and economic development. COAF launched its programs in 2004, starting in one village and expanding to 64 villages in Armavir, Aragatsotn, Lori, Gegharkunik, Shirak, and Tavush regions.

Since 2015, COAF has developed and started implementing a new vision – [SMART Initiative](#). COAF SMART is designed to advance a generation across the rural world through education that will benefit individuals, societies and the environment. COAF SMART will become an exemplary model of development and will be replicated in other regions and communities throughout Armenia. The first COAF SMART Center was inaugurated on May 27, 2018 near the village of Debet, Lori Region, with an outreach to over 150,000 rural residents.